

**Agency: Transportation & Facilities****Project Title:****Project Type:** Remodel, Reconstruction and Upgrades

# Carlo Creek to Crabbies Crossing Separated Path - Alaska Long Trail

**State Funding Requested: \$3,700,000**  
One-Time Need**House District: 6 / C****Brief Project Description:**

Separated pedestrian pathway connecting concentrations of commercial and residential uses along the Parks Hwy.

**Funding Plan:**

Total Project Cost:	\$3,700,000
Funding Already Secured:	(\$0)
FY2023 State Funding Request:	<u>(\$3,700,000)</u>
Project Deficit:	\$0

**Detailed Project Description and Justification:**

The DOT/PF Parks Highway PEL (Planning & Environmental Linkages) Study identified the need for and costs of developing roadside, separated trails in segments along the Parks Highway. This project aims to improve the central of the three segments, to benefit the tourism industry and residents. Currently there is no safe enjoyable way for to walk, bike or ski along this high-speed highway, which is interspersed with housing, lodges and restaurants. This project is widely supported by residents and the tourism industry and would help further expand options for Denali "frontcountry" tourism, which is increasingly important as a way to accommodate tourism growth, as options within the mark are increasingly constrained. The Denali Borough, which derives close to 100% of its operating revenues from a Bed Tax, is likewise interested in this investment that will help support growth and provide more options for enjoyable, safe frontcountry visitor experiences. Work is in progress with DOT/PF, Borough and other partners find solutions for funding ongoing maintenance costs. This project would also help provide one braid of the Alaska Long Trail as it passes through the Denali Borough.

**Project Timeline:**

2023-2024

**Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:**

Denali Borough and AK DOT/PF

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Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority? ☒ Yes ☐ No